

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 1505325358_sample.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1800604.002

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 February 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 11 February 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. This is an image of a girl who is posed in a highly sexualised manner. It is produced by a company that specialises in such images. The image is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in girls. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.